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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1714
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Takahiro NIWA et al)	Examiner: E.J. Cain
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Appln. No.: 09/915,568)	Washington, D.C.
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For: SLIDING MATERIAL)	March 22, 2004
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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Customer Window, Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2011 South Clark Place
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed December 23,
2003, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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